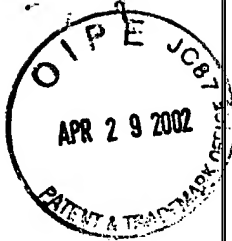


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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE
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On April 27, 2002, Applicants' attorney reviewed the application file, which had previously handled by an outside law firm, and noticed that a German-language reference, DE 29713335, was submitted on February 26, 2001. Enclosed is an English language abstract of this reference, which is provided in order to concisely explain the relevance of DE 29713335, under MPEP 609 and 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i).

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

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- (4) English-language abstract of DE 29713335.

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